

# Stages of Enlightenment

<p><b>Stream-enterer</b> <i>sotāpanna</i></p>	<p><i>Fetters eliminated:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· personality-belief (<i>sakkāya-diṭṭhi</i>)</li> <li>· doubt (<i>vicikicchā</i>)</li> <li>· clinging to wrong practices (<i>sīlabbata-parāmāsa</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Will not take rebirth in animal world, ghost world, or hells</li> <li>· Will take rebirth at most seven times</li> <li>· Cannot commit six major wrongdoings*</li> <li>· Has confirmed faith in the Buddha, Dhamma, &amp; Sangha, and possesses the virtues dear to the noble ones.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Once-returner</b> <i>sakadāgāmi</i></p>	<p><i>Greatly reduced:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· greed (<i>lobha</i>)</li> <li>· hatred (<i>dosa</i>)</li> <li>· delusion (<i>moha</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Will return at most once to the human world</li> </ul>
<p><b>Non-returner</b> <i>anāgāmi</i></p>	<p><i>Fetters eliminated:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· sensuous craving (<i>kāma-rāga</i>)</li> <li>· ill-will (<i>patigha</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Can only be reborn in the heaven known as the Pure Abode</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fully-enlightened One</b> <i>arahant</i></p>	<p><i>Fetters eliminated:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· craving for fine-material existence (<i>rūpa-rāga</i>)</li> <li>· craving for immaterial existence (<i>arūpa-rāga</i>)</li> <li>· conceit (<i>māna</i>)</li> <li>· restlessness (<i>uddhacca</i>)</li> <li>· ignorance (<i>avijjā</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Will never take rebirth in any destination</li> </ul>

\* Murdering one's own mother, murdering one's own father, murdering an arahant, maliciously injuring the Buddha to the point of drawing blood, deliberately creating a schism in the monastic community, taking another teacher (besides Buddha).